



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
GRADUATION RATE TASKFORCE**

**October 16, 2012 @ 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Executive Tower  
1700 W. Washington St.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**AGENDA**

*The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation Rate Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.*

**Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.**

**Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.**

**Goals:**

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

**1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions**

**Merl Waschler**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- **Graduation Rate Research Plan Update**
- **Discuss Taskforce Recommendations**

**ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.**

**2. Update: Graduation/Dropout Research Plan**

**Kerry McConnell**

**3. Discussion & Revision: Updated Recommendations**

**Rebecca Gau**

**ACTION: Move to adopt revisions to draft recommendations.**

**4. Council Comments**

**Council Members**

**5. Call to the Public**

**Merl Waschler**

**6. Adjourn**

**Merl Waschler**

**ACTION: Move to adjourn.**

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